

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Highways Operations
Date:	29 July 2021
Title:	Project Appraisal: Eastleigh Area Bus Infrastructure Works
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Highways Operations approves the Project Appraisal for the Eastleigh Area Public Transport Infrastructure Works as outlined in the supporting report subject to approval being granted to add the scheme to the Capital Programme.
- 1.2 That approval be given to spend and enter into contractual arrangements to implement the proposed improvements to the Eastleigh area public transport infrastructure as set out in the supporting report, at an estimated cost of £415,742 to be funded from Section 106 funding, held by the County Council for this purpose, as set out in the finance section of the main report.
- 1.3 That authority to make the arrangements to implement the scheme, including minor variations to the design, be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 Investment in public transport infrastructure is a key element of the Government's National Bus Strategy launched in March 2021.
- 2.2 Investment in public transport infrastructure makes bus services more attractive to passengers and therefore improves the commercial viability of bus services. This is key to the recovery of local bus services from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 Not to spend the section 106 funding. This option was rejected as it would not mitigate the impacts of the development as required by the S106 agreement and is therefore not in the best interests of local residents.

3.2 To utilise the funding to provide public transport services. This option was rejected because it is not financially sustainable in the medium to long term.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

29 July 2021

**Executive Member for Highways Operations
Councillor Russell Oppenheimer**